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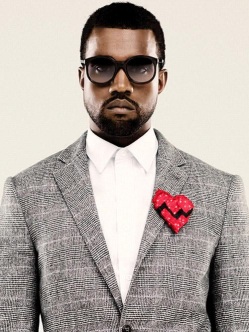
**Sample Essay: Jay and ‘Ye**

**Prompt: “Analyze similarities and differences between Jay-Z’s and Kanye West’s styles and lyrics.”**

Put it into a question: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Both Jay-Z and Kanye West rap about how great they are. For both artists, their rap lyrics frequently discuss their own wealth, success with women, and ability to rap better than other MC’s. This is evident in some of their music. In Jay-Z’s “Big Pimpin,” he rhymes, “Parts with nothin, y'all be frontin/Me give my heart to a woman?/Not for nothin, never happen/I'll be forever mackin.” Here, Jay-Z describes that he is so great, he could never be wed to a single girl. In fact, he’ll forever be flirting with other people. Similarly, Kanye also likes to talk about how much women like him and how great he is. In “Monster,” ‘ye writes, “ain’t nobody as cold as this, do the rap and attract triple double no assists.” Kanye, like Jay, is very proud of himself and uses cultural frameworks to discuss how great he is. In this sense, Kanye and Jay both like to rap about their amazingness.

In addition to their common lyrics about how great they are, Kanye and Jay-Z also have styles that integrate female vocalists. In many of their songs, they have female colleagues make cameos to sing the chorus or guest verses. An amazing example of this is Kanye West’s “Monster,” in which Nicki Minaj raps one of her most famous verses, calling herself a “bad b\*tch that came from Sri Lanka.” Amazingly, she rhymes that with “Willy Wonka” and gets away with it. In the same way, Jay-Z has plenty of experience partnering with female vocalists. Alicia Keys brought herself back to fame with her cameo in “Empire State of Mind,” and in high school Mr. Routhier would dance to “Can I get a…” in which female rapper Amil would ask “can you bounce with me, bounce with me?” Perhaps a reason to integrate female vocalists is because both of these men are in steady relationships, Kanye with one of the Kardashians and Jay with Beyonce, and so perhaps their girlfriends tell them they should have females in their songs.

# In terms of style, Kanye and Jay-Z are different. Kanye likes to wear really fashionable gear. There is even a blog website called “dresslikekanyewest.tumblr.com,” which chronicles everything that the rap icon wears. Unlike ‘Ye, Jay-Z likes to wear New York-based gear and does not spend much effort on fashion. Perhaps a reason for this difference is that Jay-Z and Kanye West come from different backgrounds. Kanye grew up in nice parts of Atlanta and Chicago and attended college at the Academy of Art in Chicago, so his fashion sense is naturally awesome. On the other hand, Jay-Z did not go to fashion school – he dropped out of high school in Trenton, NJ. As a result of these different backgrounds, the two probably have different fashion sensibilities.

# Your grade for this essay:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/19

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**Zoom in – the Thesis Statement**

The introduction should be three-four sentences long. The first and second sentences establish the global context and briefly introduces the time, place, and topic. The purpose here is to shoot for elevation points – establishing a global context and making rich explanations for your arguments.

The third and fourth sentences make up your thesis statement. In AP World History, two-sentence thesis statements are actually encouraged! First, identify whether you are going to argue that the two topics are OVERALL more similar or more different, and then specifically **preview your two strongest similarities/differences**. In the third sentence you preview **your one-two strongest differences/similarities.** Especially analytical thesis statements will include insight in them beyond description – “because,” “due to,” or “most significant” are some common phrases that mark these exceptional thesis statements.

First two sentences—briefly establish the global context (time, place, topic).

*From 1900-1950, global conflict such as world wars as well as the crisis of capitalism paved the way for revolutions against established authorities. Exploitation by imperialists sowed the seeds of rebellion in regions like China and Russia, thus sparking revolutions in those regions.*

Third/Fouth Sentences—Thesis Statement—Previews **two strongest similarities and two strongest differences**.

*…Overall, the goals and outcomes of the Chinese Revolution of 1911 and the Russian Revolution of 1917 are more different than similar in that the Chinese Revolution sought democracy while the Russian Revolution sought communism, and the Russians relied on a vanguard of urban proletarians while the Chinese relied on the peasant masses. Despite these differences, due to the challenges of establishing communism, both revolutions created a totalitarian dictatorship with collective farming and state-run industrialization.*

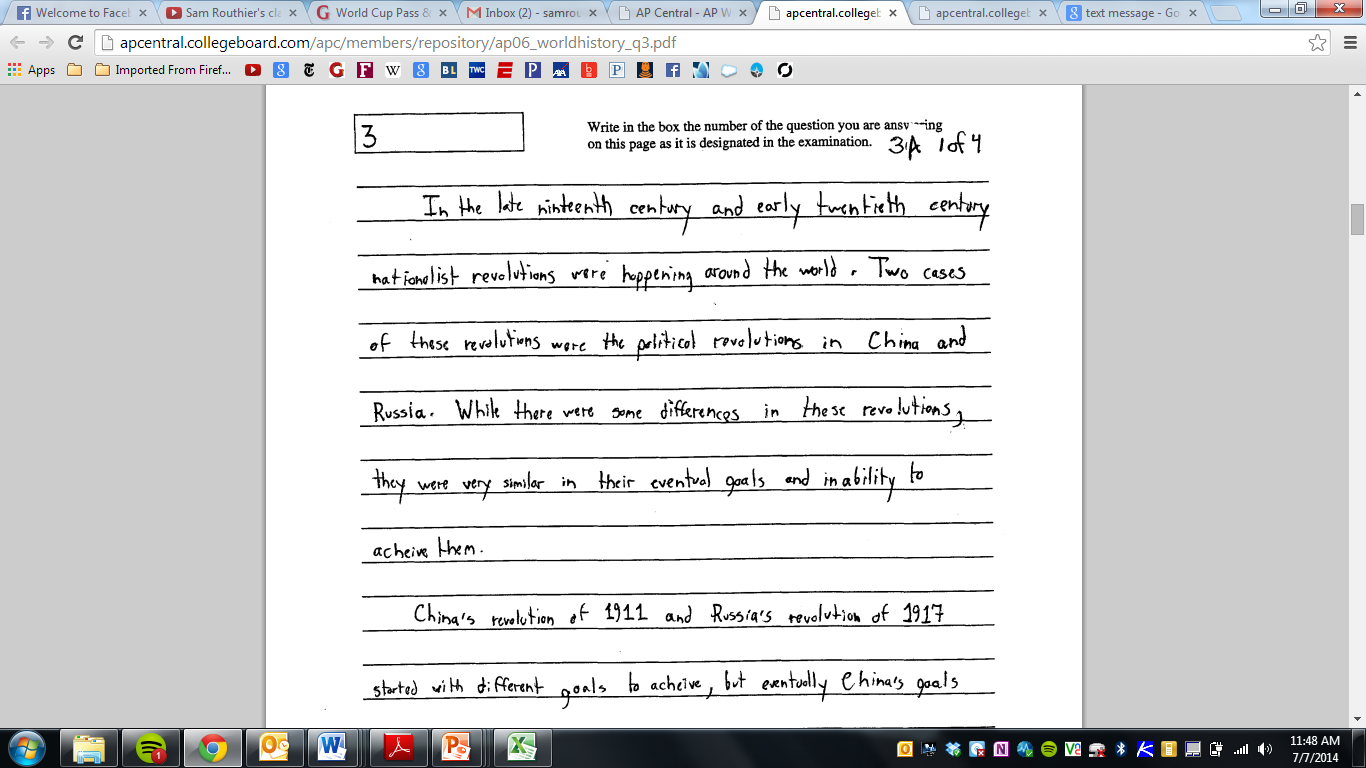
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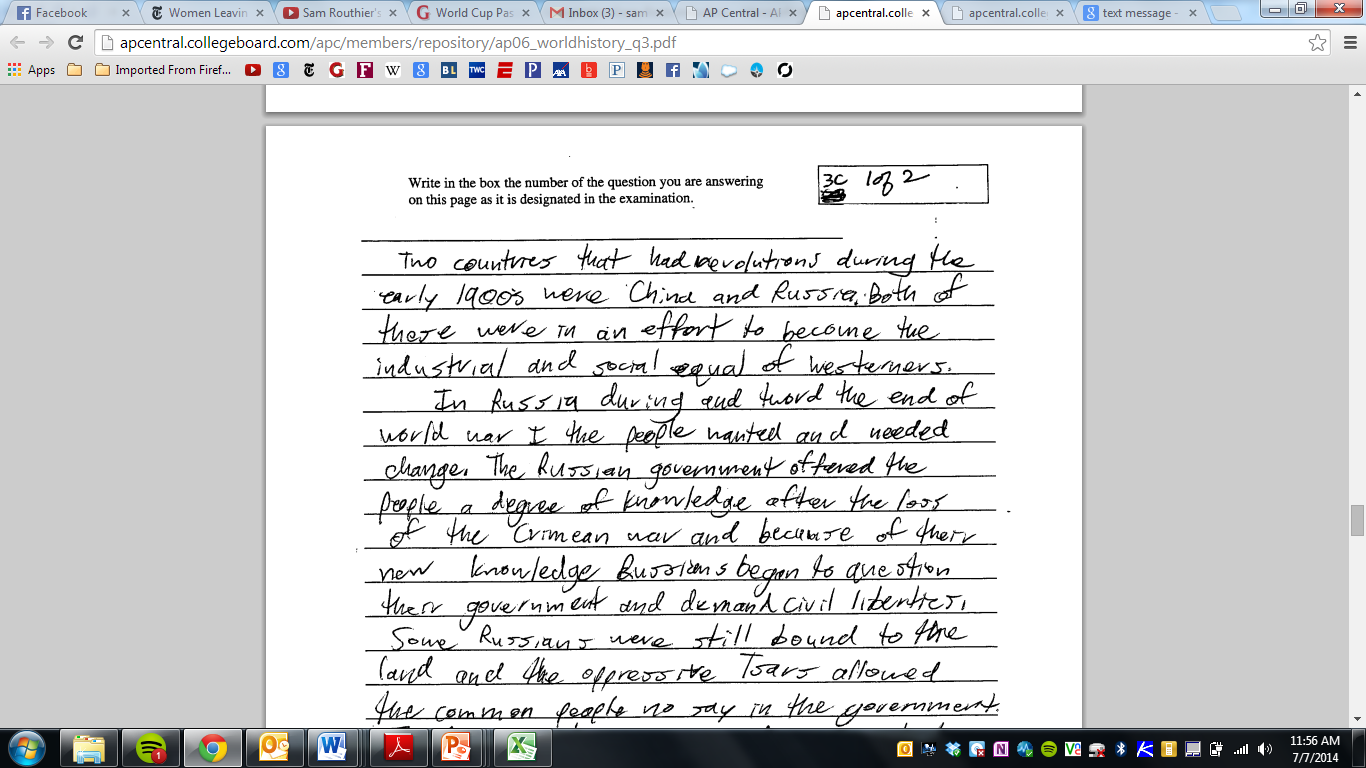
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*The Revolutionary incidents in China in 1911 and Russia in 1917 were very different in that the Russians wanted a communist state while the Chinese wanted independence from imperialists and a nationalist government, but both relied on the people’s support to succeed.*

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*Both the Chinese and the Russian Revolutions installed communist leaders, but the Russian Revolution lasted only a few years, while the Chinese lasted decades. Both revolutions used violence to obtain their aims and fought unpopular governments with peasant support.*

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***Write your own!***

*Analyze the similarities and differences between freshman and senior year at Muchin College Prep.*